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## Militia

1. The militia is found in villages and in rayon and oblast towns. Their numbers depend upon the size of the town. Previously, militiamen wore blue uniforms with green trimming and green epaulets. Now they wear bluish-black uniforms with bright red trimming and shoulder boards. Two red cords about one-half centimeter thick lie across the front of the uniform jacket. One of these cords ends on the right side by the pistol; the other ends on the left side by the militiaman's whistle.
2. There are Lithuanian members of the militia; but, almost without exception, the higher militia officials are Russian. Only in Taurage (55-14N, 22-15E) is there a police chief who is Lithuanian. This man earned the rank of major with a Soviet division during the war.
3. The militia administration is divided into the following branches: passport division, criminal division, speculation division, and rayon division.
  - a. Passport Division: The duties of the passport division include the registration of inhabitants and the issuance and renewal of passports. However, the militia does not have independence in the latter duties, since final word rests with the Communist Party and the MGB.
  - b. Criminal Division: The criminal division investigates criminal offenses and has the right to impose penalties of several hundred rubles. Although a convicted person has the right to appeal to a court regarding his fine, this is never done, since usually the militia court merely increases the penalty imposed.

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- c. Speculation Division: The speculation and market division of the militia has the duty of watching speculators and maintaining order in the market. From time to time this division sends out scouts at night to check on the skilled workers who have been forced into artels. Their purpose is to see that these workers do not work on private orders at night. This division of the militia also checks on the milk brought to the market, checks to see that the meat brought in has been certified by the veterinary section, checks to see that dealers have bought place tickets in the market for their wagons, sees that the market closes on time, etc.
- d. Rayon Division: Members of the rayon division of the militia occasionally check books in people's homes and carry out night checks to see if there are any unregistered residents or unregistered overnight guests in any of the rayons. Members of this division distribute militia orders to the rayon inhabitants, distribute court summonses and summonses to the Voenkomat, and collect unpaid taxes. They also supervise street sanitation for the rayon and see to it that flags are flown on State holidays.

MVD

4. MVD employees usually wear army uniforms with light red trimming and shoulder boards. In smaller towns they do not have uniforms and wear what they please. The MVD controls the istrebiteli and its disposition. In areas like Taurage and Radviliakis (55-49N, 23-34E), istrebiteli units consist of 150 to 250 men. In areas where there are many partisans, ie., in Zemaitija in 1949, the number of istrebiteli is substantially greater and may include as many as 400 men. Without exception, their chiefs are Russians. In rayon and oblast towns, there are many Russians in the rank and file.

MGB

5. In oblast towns, the MGB is called the Militia Board. All its members are officers who have graduated from special schools. For the most part, they do not wear uniforms. When uniforms are worn, they are the same kind as are worn by the MVD.

Border Police

6. Source does not know what uniforms are worn by the border police.

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